

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 3-7,10,13,17,20-24,27,30 and 34 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claim 35 as indicated below:

1. (Original) An apparatus for managing business continuance operations from a host computer having a mass storage subsystem with business continuance features 5 and at least two volumes, comprising a time maker function command processor executing in said host computer for parsing and implementing business continuance commands in order to transmit signals to and receive signals from said mass storage subsystem to activate said business continuance features without disrupting business application processing.

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said business continuance commands further comprise syntax to allow a user to identify standard volumes and business continuance volumes on said mass storage subsystem.

3-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said business continuance commands further comprise a query command for reporting on the status of business continuance volumes in said mass storage subsystem.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said signals are inserted in a channel command word and sent by a startio instruction to said mass storage subsystem.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said business continuance commands include volume conditioning statements to place business continuance volumes in condition for other uses.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said volume conditioning statements include a relabel statement for changing the label on a volume.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said volume conditioning statements include a process statement for selecting volumes on which to operate.

15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said volume conditioning statements include a rename statement for renaming data sets.

16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said volume conditioning statements include a simulate statement for simulating the effect of other volume conditioning statements without making actual changes.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) A method for managing business continuance operations from a host computer having a mass storage subsystem with business continuance features and at least two volumes, comprising the step of executing in said host computer a time maker function command processor for parsing and implementing business continuance commands in order to transmit signals to and receive signals from said mass storage subsystem to activate said business continuance features without disrupting business application processing.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said step of parsing and implementing business continuance commands further comprises the step of parsing syntax to allow a user to identify standard volumes and business continuance volumes on said mass storage subsystem.

20-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said step of parsing and implementing business continuance commands further comprises the step of implementing a query command for reporting on the status of business continuance volumes in said mass storage subsystem.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said step of parsing and implementing further comprises the step of inserting signals in a channel command word sent by a startio instruction to said mass storage subsystem.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said step of parsing and implementing business continuance commands includes the step of implementing volume conditioning statements to place business continuance volumes in condition for other uses.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of implementing volume conditioning statements includes the step of implementing a relabel statement for changing the label on a volume.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of implementing volume conditioning statements includes the step of implementing a process statement for selecting volumes to be operated on.

32. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of implementing volume conditioning statements includes the step of implementing a rename statement for renaming data sets.

33. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of implementing volume conditioning statements includes the step of implementing a simulate statement for simulating the effect of other volume conditioning statements without making actual changes.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (New) A business continuance operations management system comprising:  
a host computer having a mass storage subsystem and a command processor; and  
a business continuance command activation device for parsing business continuance commands and transmitting signals to the mass storage subsystem and receiving signals from the mass storage subsystem to activate business continuance features associated with the mass storage subsystem without disrupting business application processing on the host computer.